It has come to the notice of the Council that several institutions are offering courses in the field of Technical Education without obtaining mandatory approval from AICTE. The Council has been collecting information through newspapers, websites, complaints received from students and general public and other sources, about such institutions conducting courses in the field of Technical Education without obtaining mandatory approval from AICTE.

As per the information available till date, 169 institutions are found to be conducting courses in the field of technical education without obtaining AICTE approval. 104 institutions are conducting technical education programmes in collaboration with foreign universities without AICTE approval. The list of such institutions along with the courses being offered without AICTE approval is available on the AICTE website "www.aicte.ernet.in". The list may not be exhaustive. The list of AICTE approved institutions and programmes is also given at the same website which can be used to check if a particular institution has got the mandatory approval or note.

Students are advised not to take admission in technical education courses run by any institution which has not been approved by AICTE. They are cautioned that joining unapproved programmes can have serious consequences in terms of eligibility for employment, higher studies etc. Students desirous of joining any technical programme of any institution must confirm the status of approval either through the AICTE website "www.aicte.ernet.in" or from the directory of approved institutions and programmes or from "Information and Facilitation Centres" at AICTE Headquarters, New Delhi and Regional Offices located at Bangalore, Bhopal, Chennai, Chandigarh, Kanpur, Kolkata and Mumbai.

Member Secretary

Autonomous and semi-Autonomous Institutions

4143. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of autonomous or semi-autonomous institutions lying without any head;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Details in respect of autonomous or semi-autonomous institutions under Ministry of Human Resource Development which are lying without any head are given at Statement.

Statement

Names of autonomous and semi-autonomous institutions lying without any head

Sl. No.	Name of autonomous/ semi-autonomous institutions	Name of the post	Remarks
1	2	3	4
1.	National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), Delhi	Chairman	Matter is *sub-judice.*
2.	Central Tibetan Schools Administration (CTSA), Delhi	Director	Vacancy arose due to death of the incumbent. Additional charge of the post of Director, CTSA has been given to the Secretary, CBSE till a regular Director is appointed or till further orders.
3.	National Council for Promotion of Sindhi Language (NCPSL), New Delhi	Director	Candidate has been selected and is likely to join soon.
4.	Maharishi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratisthan (MVVP), Ujjain	Secretary	Candidate has been selected and is likely to join soon.
5.	National Council for Rural Institute (NCRI), Hyderabad	Chairman	Under process.
6.	Indian Institute of Advanced Studies (IIAS), Shimla	Director	Under process.

1	2	3	4
7.	National Institute of Technology, Raipur	Director	Under process.
8.	National Institute of Technology, Agartala	Director	Under process.
9.	National Institute of Technology, Jamshedpur	Director	Under process.
10.	National Institute of Technology Teachers Training & Research (NITTTR), Bhopal	Director	Under process.
11.	National Institute of Technical Teachers Training & Research (NITTTR), Chandigarh	Director	Under process.
12.	Central Institute of Technology (CIT), Kokrajhar	Principal	Under process.

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan for increasing literacy rate

†4144. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is in operation for increasing the rate of literacy in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the percentage of literacy at national level is merely about 65 per cent whereas the percentage of literacy in several States is even below 50 per cent;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) the time-frame to achieve complete literacy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The Universalisation of Elementary Education and eradication of adult illiteracy form the two-pronged strategy for improving the literacy rate of the country.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.